#### Fremont Center Road Phase I Engineering Study

#### **Stakeholder Involvement Group Meeting #1**





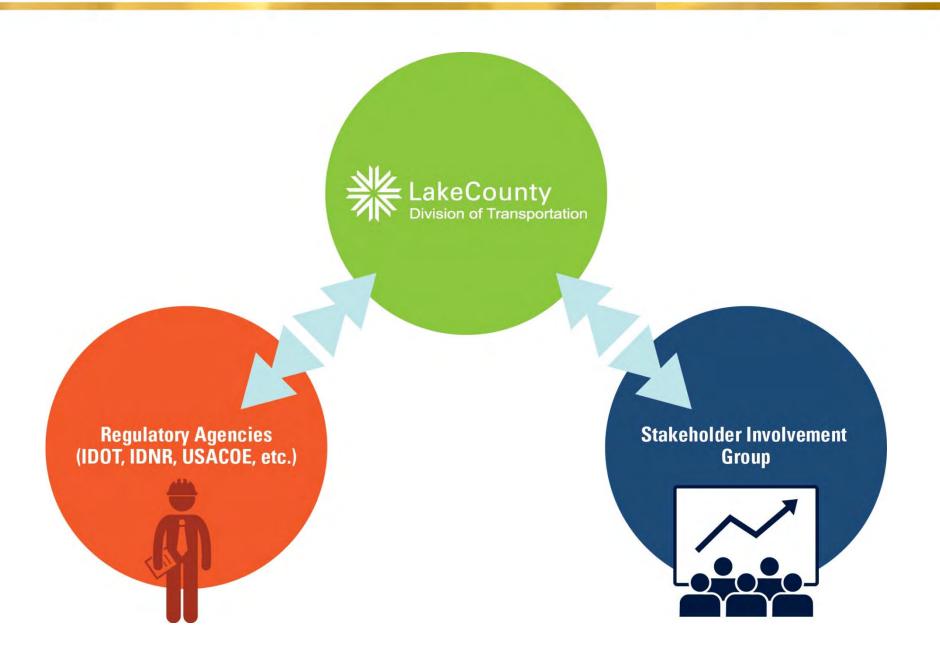


# Introductions

## **Purpose of Meeting**

- I. Describe Stakeholder Involvement Process.
- II. Introduce Project Implementation Process.
- III. Discuss the Project Background.
- IV. Present Existing Conditions.
- V. Identify Project Needs.
- VI. Discuss Potential Solutions.

# **Project Team**



#### **LCDOT Commitments**

 Participate in two-way communication with Stakeholder Involvement Group (SIG).

 Consider stakeholder concerns and perspectives.

Ensure a transparent study process.

#### **SIG** Responsibilities

- Attend meetings and participate in discussions and activities.
- Disseminate information to others.
- Participate openly and honestly, while respecting the opinions of group members.
- Work collaboratively to seek a consensus solution.

#### Consensus

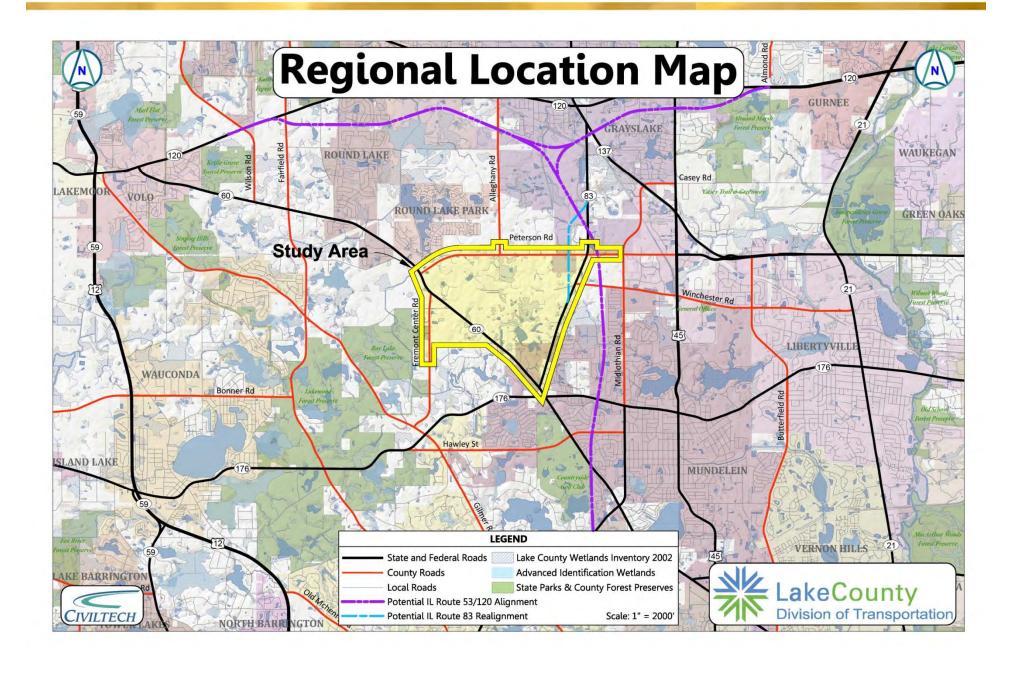
When a majority of the stakeholders agree on a particular issue, while the remainder of stakeholders agrees its input has been heard and duly considered and that the process as a whole was fair.

#### Consensus

 The overall goal of the Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) is to develop a consensus plan for Fremont Center Road as well as the extensions of Winchester Road and Alleghany Road.

 However, if consensus can not be achieved on every issue, LCDOT/IDOT will make the final decision.

#### **Project Study Area**



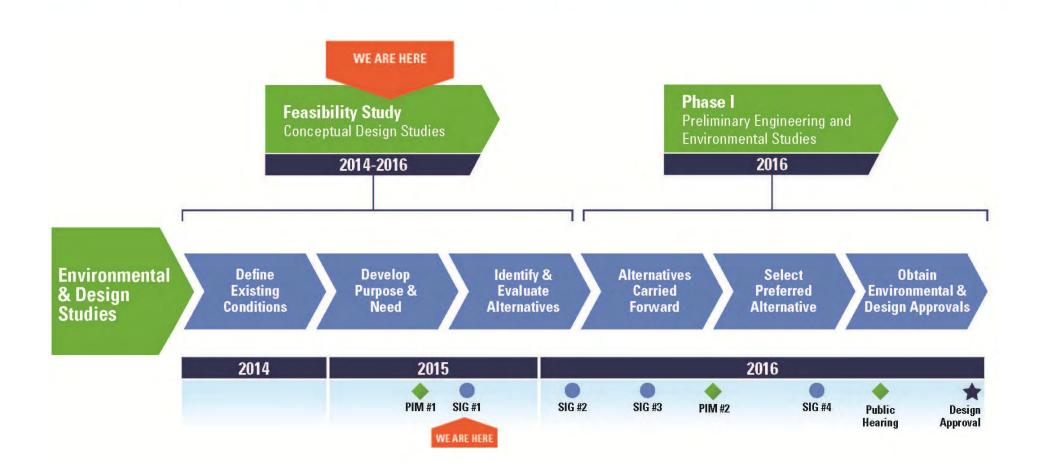
#### **Project Implementation Process**



<sup>\*</sup> The Feasibility Study will determine the future roadway network for the area bounded by Peterson Road, IL Route 60, and IL Route 83.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Phases II and III as currently programmed. Subject to change based on the availability of funding.

## **Project Schedule**



#### **Transportation Perspectives**

- Historic Development of Regional Highways
  - Farm to Market Roads
  - 1950's and 1960's: Growth was residential in suburbs
  - 1970's 2000's: Migration of people and jobs to suburbs
  - Travel Patterns have changed

#### **Transportation Perspectives**

- Land Development and Transportation
  - Land owner has right to develop to "highest and best use"

 Local governments can control type and intensity of development, but not location or timing

#### **Transportation Perspectives**

#### Pitfalls

- Historically, developers had no responsibility for impact to the safety and operation of arterial streets
- State and County highway agencies have had inadequate funding to keep pace
- Recently, counties and municipalities have won the right to assess "highway improvement fees"

#### **Regional Transportation Planning**

Transportation Planning is carried out at many levels:

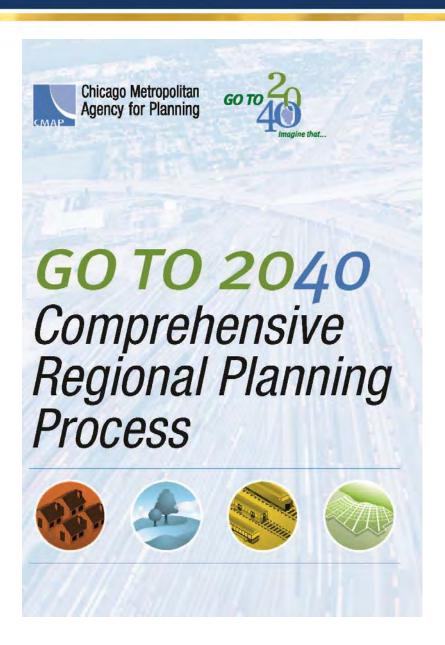
- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
- Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)
- Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- Illinois Tollway
- Counties
- Municipalities

#### **CMAP**

- CMAP created in 2005 through merge of CATS and NIPC
- CMAP is the official Metropolitan Planning Organization for 7 counties in NE Illinois
- By state and federal law, CMAP is responsible for developing the Comprehensive Regional Plan



#### **CMAP**



## **CMAP Comprehensive Plan**

### The Comprehensive Plan addresses:

- Land Use
- Environment
- Water Supply and Treatment
- Economic and Community Development
- Housing
- Transportation
- Human Services



#### **CMAP** Responsibilities

## For Transportation, CMAP:

- Develops and maintains the regional plan for:
  - Airports
  - Mass Transit
  - Highways
- Manages programming of federal funds.
- Assures plan conforms to federal air quality standards.



# **GO TO 2040** Transportation Plan

Major Capital Projects



#### **Planning Responsibilities of Other Agencies**

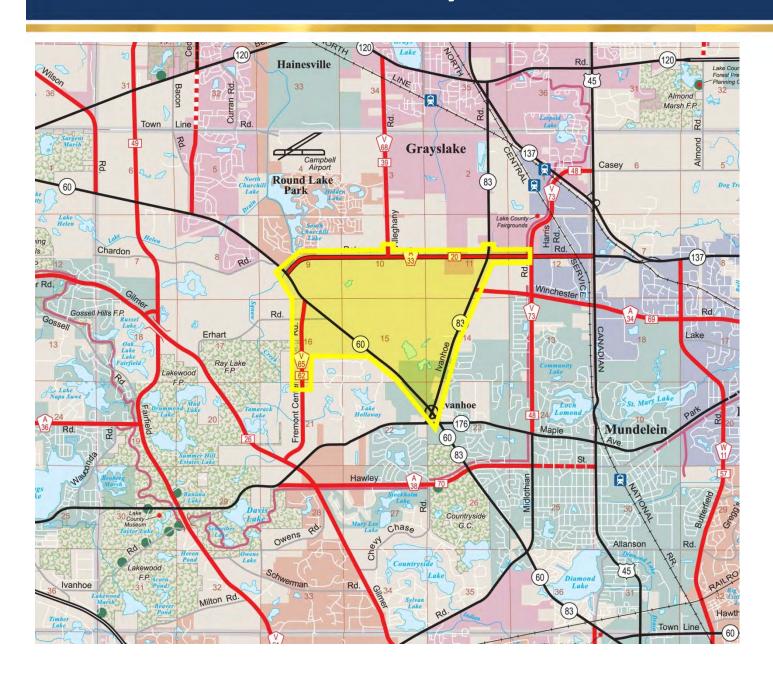
- Expressways
  - Illinois Tollway
  - IDOT
- Arterial Highways
  - IDOT
  - Counties
- Collector and Local Streets
  - Municipalities and Townships







# **Roadway Classifications**





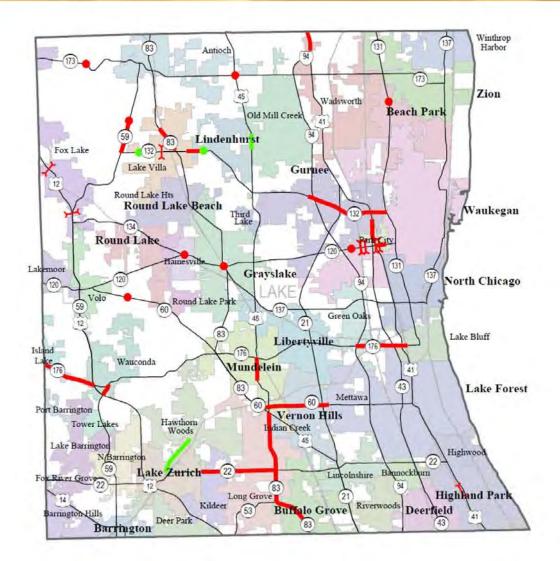
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### Tollway Move Illinois Program



## **IDOT Highway Improvement Program**

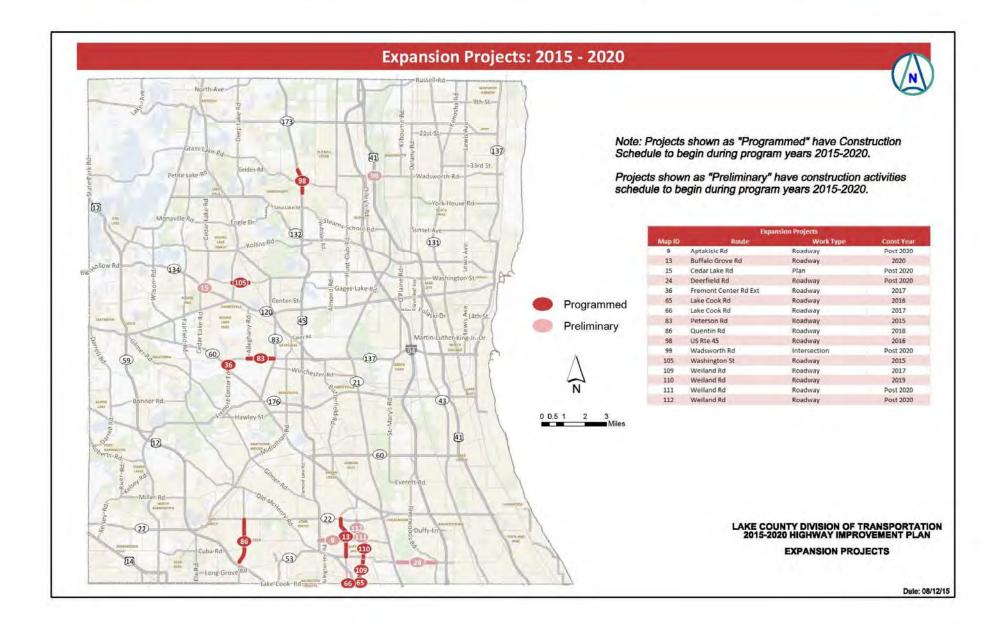




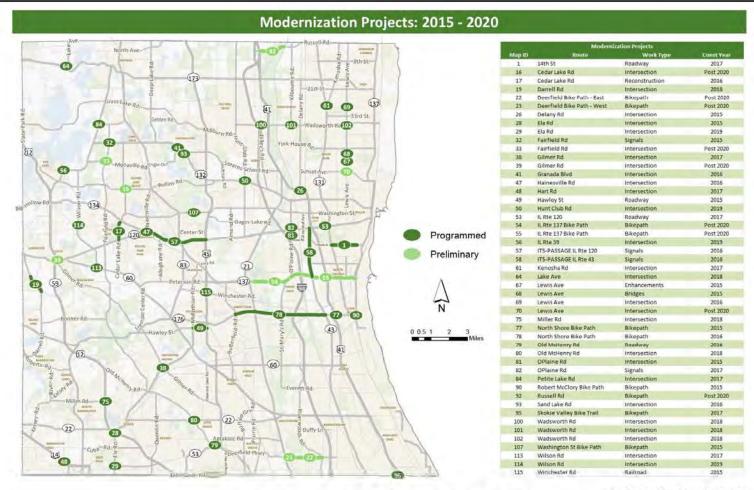


ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY 2016-2021 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM LAKE COUNTY STATE HIGHWAYS

## **LCDOT Highway Improvement Plan**



#### **LCDOT Modernization Projects**



LAKE COUNTY DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION 2015-2020 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

MODERNIZATION PROJECTS

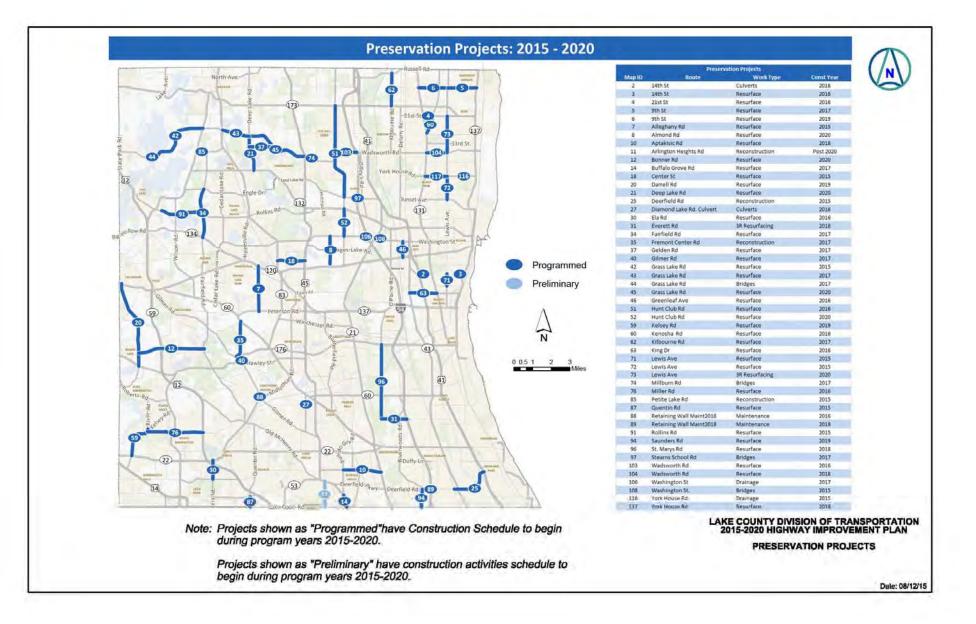
Projects shown as "Preliminary" have construction activities schedule to begin during program years 2015-2020.

Note: Projects shown as "Programmed" have Construction

Schedule to begin during program years 2015-2020.

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#### **LCDOT Preservation Projects**



#### **Shift in Planning Goals**

# Policy Driven vs. Market Driven



#### **Shift in Planning Goals**

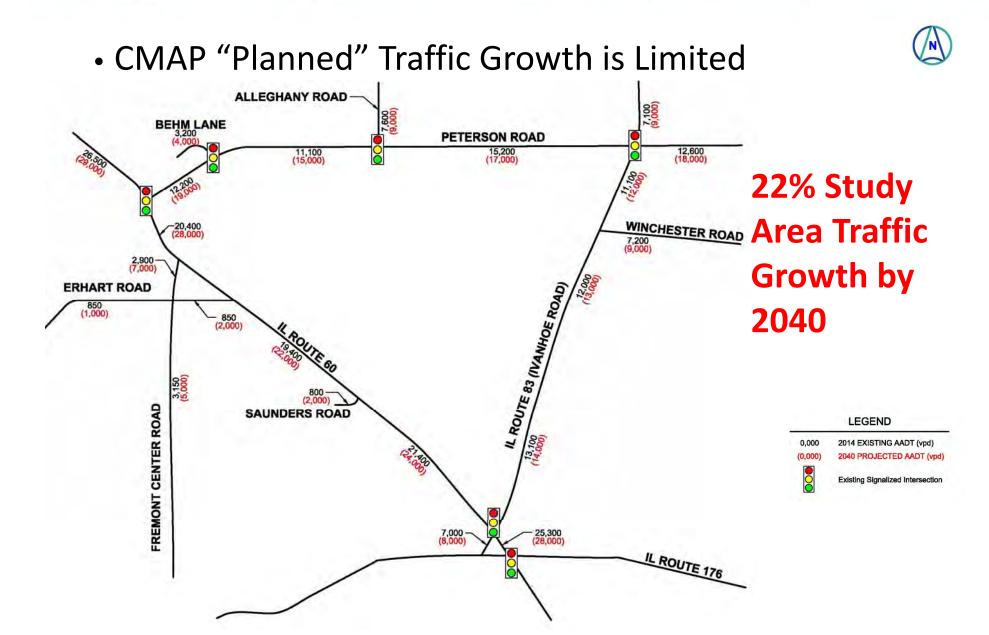
**POLICY GOAL:** Compact infill development rather than continued unsustainable sprawl

- Region will grow by 2.4 million people by 2040 (nearly another City of Chicago)
- 38% of regional growth will occur in Cook County
- Only 9% of regional growth will occur in Lake County

**MARKET REALITY:** There is no regulatory authority to assure infill development



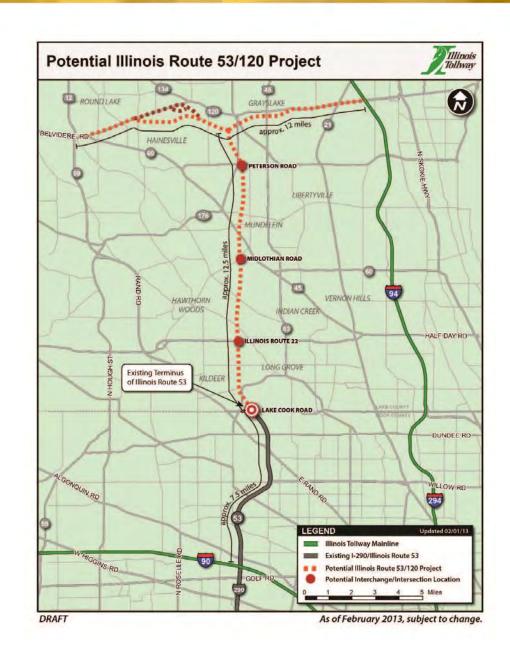
#### What Does This Mean for Our Project?



# IL 53/IL 120 Project will Transform Study Area

## IL 53/IL 120 Project will:

- Greatly enhance development potential of study area land.
- Change study area traffic volumes and patterns.
- Concentrate traffic at Peterson Road interchange (only interchange for 4 miles).



# IL 53/IL 120 Project will Transform Study Area

### IL 53/IL 120 Project will:

 Enhance the importance of Winchester and Alleghany Roads to area mobility.



#### What Does This Mean for Our Project?

- Should consider what happens if traffic impacts are greater than planned.
  - LCDOT 2040 Transportation Plan does that at County level.
  - Fremont Center Road Feasibility Study will do that at study area level.

# **Feasibility Study**

- Anticipate future needs:
  - Roadway network
  - Right-of-way
  - Compatible access



#### **Project Purpose**

- Identify long range travel demand and transportation system improvements.
- Develop a staged transportation improvement plan.
- Address existing safety and operational improvement needs and future access needs, at a minimum, at the IL Route 60/Fremont Center Road intersection.

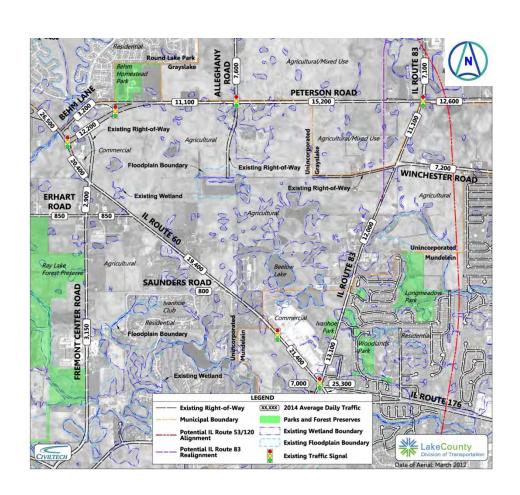
- Roadway Jurisdictions
  - IDOT
    - IL Route 60
    - IL Route 83
    - IL Route 176
  - Lake County
    - Fremont Center Road
    - Peterson Road
    - Winchester Road
    - Alleghany Road
  - Township Road
    - Erhart Road



Legend



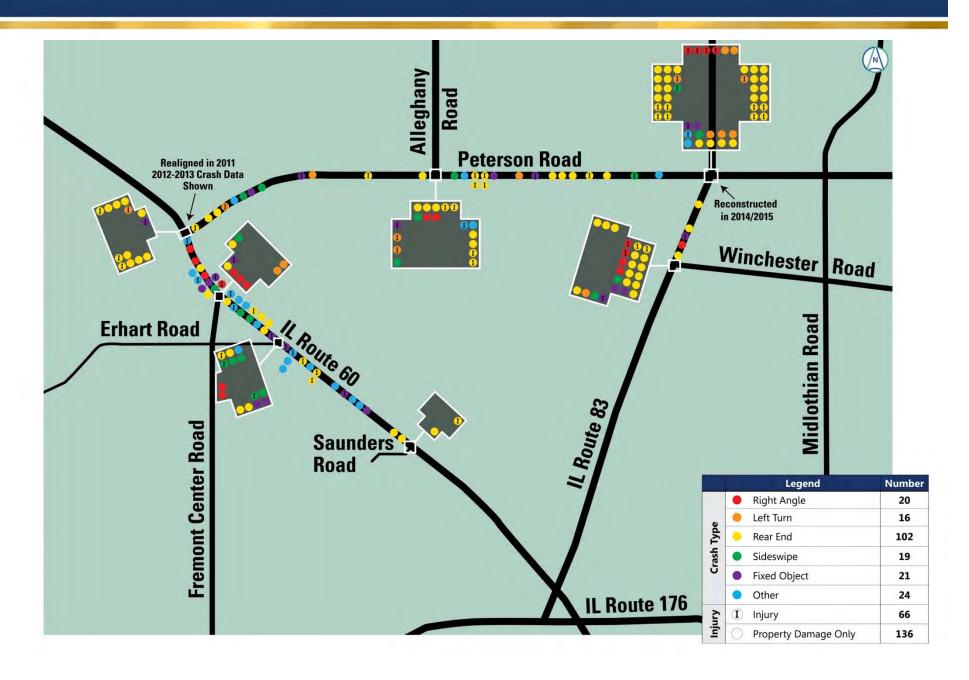
- Stop-controlled skewed intersections.
- Limited
  pedestrian/bicycle
  facilities and poor
  connectivity to Ray Lake.
- Mostly one through lane in each direction.
- Current roadway widening along Peterson Road.



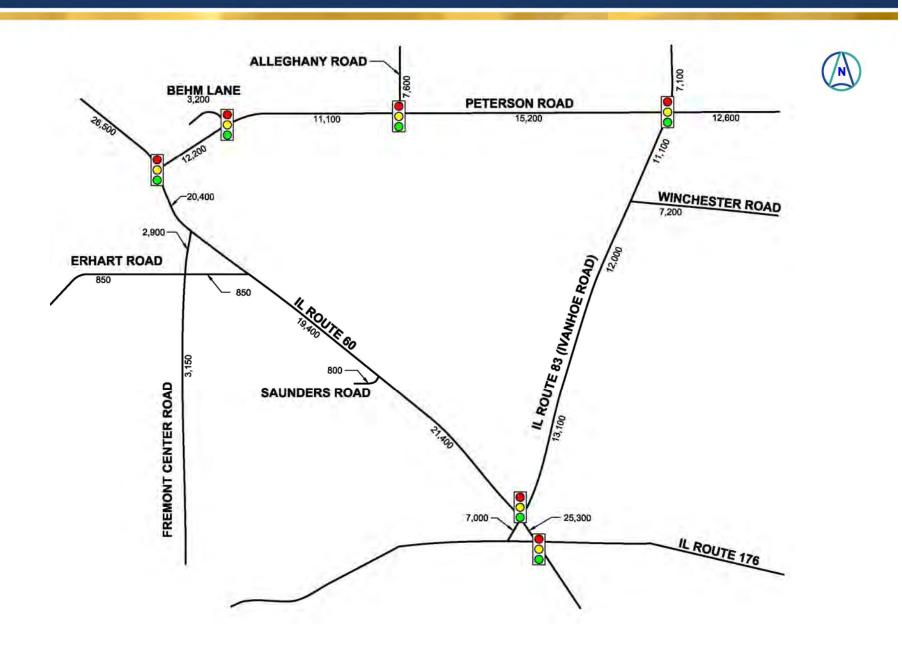
- Intersection sight distance
  - Safety concerns
  - Poor visibility of crossing pedestrians/bicyclists
- T-intersections
  - Poor circulation for eastwest travel



# **Crash Summary Data (2009 – 2013)**

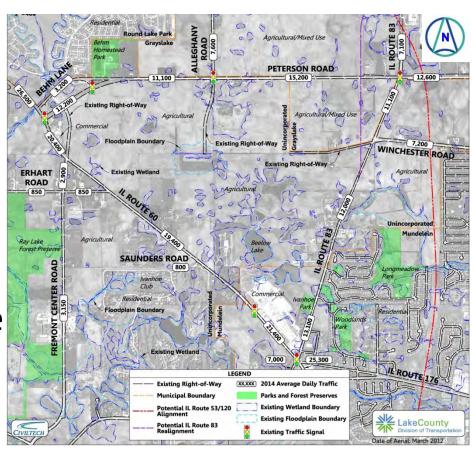


# **Existing Average Daily Traffic**



#### **Environmental Resources**

- Ivanhoe Park
- Behm Homestead Park
- Beelow Lake
- Ray Lake Forest Preserve
- Existing Wetlands



#### **Public Involvement**

Public Involvement Meeting #1

- March 18, 2015
- Exhibits on display
- 97 attendees

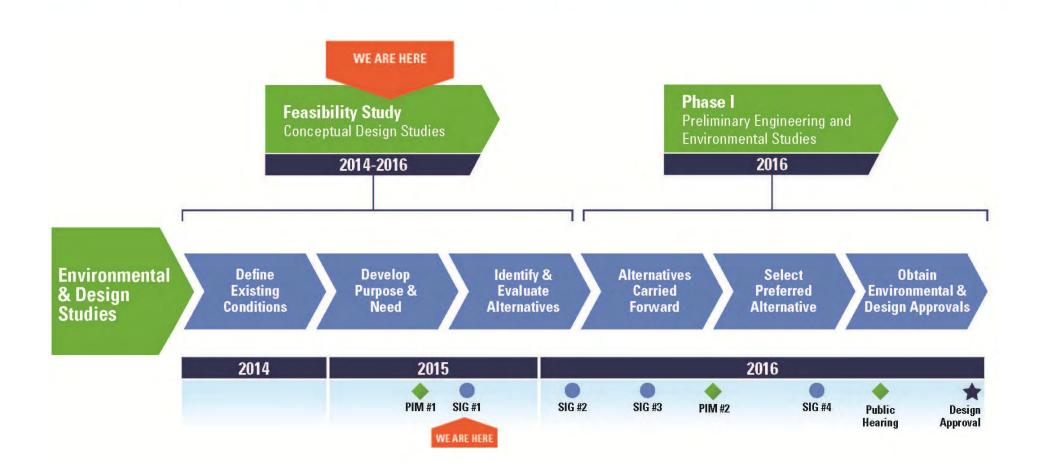


Ten comments received

# **Improvement Needs and Solutions**

# **Group Exercise**

#### **Next Steps**



## **Questions?**

Thank you for your participation!